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TO 3600 MAIL ROOMAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

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  - ☐ a petition under 37 CFR 1.97(d)(2)(ii), and
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The relevance of the attached references is that this is art of which Applicant has indicated he has become aware following the filing of the application. The filing of the IDS is not representation that the undersigned possesses any personal knowledge of the contents of each prior art reference listed.

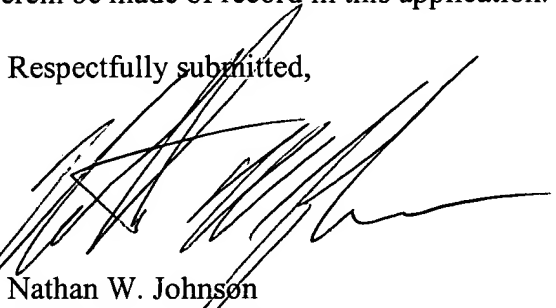
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foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested. Applicant accordingly reserves the right to challenge any reference to the submitted and identified documents as prior art.

It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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